

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 27-34 are pending in the application. Claims 9-26 and 35-52 are cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 27-29, and 33-34 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent App. No. 2002/0010726 to Rogson, hereinafter "Rogson". Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-8, 27-29, and 33-34 because Rogson is not a proper reference in view of the attached Declaration being submitted under 37 CFR 1.131(b), establishing conception prior to the effective date of Rogson, i.e., March 28, 2000. Accordingly, Rogson is not a proper reference and should be withdrawn.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-8, 27-29, and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rogson is overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-8, 27-29, and 33-34 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 4-6 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,578,032 to Chandrasekar et al., hereinafter "Chandrasekar". Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 4-6 and 30-32 because Chandrasekar is also not a proper reference in view of the attached 131 Declaration, establishing conception prior to the effective date of both Rogson and Chandrasekar, i.e., June 28, 2000. Accordingly, neither Rogson nor Chandrasekar is a proper reference and should be withdrawn.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 4-6 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogson in view of

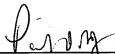
Chandrasekar is overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 4-6 and 30-32 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

An indication of the allowability of all pending claims by issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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